

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a mounting plate having two or more parts for non-positively and/or positively connecting a tester for electronic components on the one side to a handler for electronic components on the other side with the features stated in the preamble of claim [[1]] 18.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the invention this object is achieved in a generic device by the features stated in the characterizing part of claim [[1]] 18. Particularly preferred embodiments are the subject-matter of the subclaims.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As can be taken from Figs. 3 and 4 in particular, in preferred embodiments the inventive mounting plate (1) may include a central, round or polygonal recess (11) in its single plate [(3)] (4) on the side of the tester for reversibly, directly or indirectly receiving a device under test board (12) acting between the tester (2) and the handler (3).